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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE MADE DURING FINAL
MEETING OF SPECIAL SESSION

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FOLLOWING, FOR THE RECORD, IS A SUMMARY OF THE EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE MADE DURING THE FINAL MEETING (AM MAY 3) OF THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA (REFTEL). A NUMBER UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THOSE STATES WHICH MADE EXPLANATIONS SPOKE ONLY
BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY SPOKEN IN PLENARY.

1. BRAZIL, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP, SAID THAT THE BEST CONTRIBUTION IT COULD MAKE TO NAMIBIA WAS TO SUPPORT THE DRAFT DECLARATION. AUSTRALIA STATED IT COULD NOT SUPPORT THE DRAFT DECLARATION

BECAUSE OF THE PROVISION THAT WOULD "COMMEND INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE."

2. MALI, NICARAUGUA, ALBANIA AND RWANDA ALL STATED THAT THEY SUPPORTED THE DRAFT DECLARATION. PORTUGAL SAID IT WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION EVEN THOUGH IT SUPPORTED THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE. SWAZILAND, IN SUPPORTING THE DRAFT DECLARATION, ADDED THAT WALVIS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA AND THAT SAG MILITARY BASES IN WALVIS BAY CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF NAMIBIA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

3. INDIA SUPPORTED THE DRAFT DECLARATION BUT INDICATED RESERVATIONS BECAUSE THE DRAFT IGNORED THE ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE WESTERN FIVE. MAURITIUS STATED THAT IT, TOO, WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION BUT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE WESTERN FIVE.

4. MALTA AGREED WITH THE GENERAL THRUST OF THE DRAFT BUT STATED THAT "THIS DOES NOT IMPLY THAT WE AGREE WITH EVERY WORD CONTAINED THEREIN." COSTA RICA REFERRED TO SWAPO AS THE "MAJORITY LIBERATION MOVEMENT" IN STATING ITS HOPE THAT THE WESTERN FIVE MIGHT BRING NAMIBIA TO ITS FINAL GOAL OF INDEPENDENCE. COSTA RICA ENTERED RESERVATIONS ON THE PARAGRAPHS ON "ARMED STRUGGLE" AND UNCLASSIFIED

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STATED THAT WALVIS BAY IS NON-NEGOTIABLE.

5. FOLLOWING ROLL-CALL VOTE IN WHICH THE ASSEMBLY APPROVED THE DRAFT DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION BY 119-0-21(US), THE USSR MADE STATEMENT ON POINT OF ORDER CONCERNING APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 19 (SEPTTEL). YOUNG

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